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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS

SUMMARY

OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 45.8 degrees, 6.2 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, October 20. Precipitation averaged 0.80 inches, 0.13 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 31 points below normal.

Reporters rated 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, October 18. This is 2.7 days more than last year and 0.3 days more than the five-year average. Topsoil moisture was rated 14 percent very short, 34 percent short, 49 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2002	5.5	5.7	139.7
2001	2.8	4.7	135.6
1997-2001 Average	5.2	5.5	142.9

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	14	34	49	3
Last Week	14	35	48	3
Same Week Last Year	3	11	59	27
1997-2001 Average	7	22	63	8

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 20

Ohio agricultural producers took advantage of last week’s favorable weather conditions to continue harvesting both corn and soybeans, and plant winter wheat. The State’s **Corn** growers harvested an additional 15 percent of the acreage for grain last week, bringing the overall total to 37 percent completed. The current pace is slightly ahead of the

five-year average pace and nine days ahead of last year. Reported yields continue to be highly variable and stalk conditions continue to be a concern in some locations. **Soybean** producers also harvested an additional 15 percent last week, bringing the overall total to 74 percent complete. This compares to 70 percent harvested at this time last year and 79 percent for the five-year average. Virtually all of the acreage was considered mature by the end of the week. **Winter wheat** planting continued to run ahead of normal last week with 88 percent of the intended acreage seeded as of Sunday evening. This is five percentage points ahead of the five-year average and 10 days ahead of the previous year’s pace. Fifty-seven percent of the acreage has emerged and most locations report that stands have gotten off to a good start. Wet field conditions hampered planting in many locations over the weekend but most growers should return to the fields early this coming week if weather conditions remain dry. Hay making activities are quickly coming to an end as colder Fall temperatures move into the State. An additional 6 percent of the **Alfalfa** acreage was harvested for the fourth time last week, in line with last year’s pace. The third cutting of all **Other hay** is nearly complete with only 2 percent of the acreage left to be harvested. Some livestock producers worried about winter hay supplies continued baling corn stalks last week. Seventy-nine percent of the **Fall and Winter Apple** crop has been harvested, slightly behind both last year and the five-year average. Ninety-two percent of the State’s **Grape** crop has been harvested, up six percentage points from the previous week. **Tobacco** growers have stripped 18 percent of this year’s crop, slightly behind last year’s pace but five percentage points ahead of the State’s five-year average. Other agricultural activities taking place included, spreading lime and fertilizer, working ground, harvesting pumpkins, spreading manure, and installing grass waterways.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Recent rains have been beneficial to both hay fields and pastures throughout the State, but improvement slowed last week mainly due to freezing temperatures and continued grazing. Some livestock producers continued to move animals to market last week, due to short pastures and dwindling hay supplies.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 20

Crop	2002	2001	1997-01 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 4 th cutting	91	90	NA	85	NA
Corn mature	93	95	94	87	96
Corn harvested for grain	37	21	34	22	37
Fall & Winter Apples harvested	79	80	82	73	NA
Grape acreage harvested	92	91	92	86	NA
Other hay 3 rd cutting	98	97	98	95	NA
Potatoes harvested	99	99	99	97	NA
Soybeans mature	98	99	98	95	NA
Soybeans harvested	74	70	79	59	53
Tobacco stripped	18	19	13	15	NA
Winter wheat planted	88	76	83	72	74
Winter wheat emerged	57	48	49	32	52

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 20

HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	21	29	34	13	3
Previous Week	23	23	36	16	2
Previous Year	1	8	37	46	8
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	22	28	37	12	1
Previous Week	22	28	36	13	1
Previous Year	3	13	34	41	9

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 20

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	43.6	-7.6	0.43	-0.15	19.11	-3.45	15	-30	3381	339
North Central	44.7	-6.8	0.52	-0.10	20.84	-2.53	16	-28	3361	365
Northeast	45.1	-5.5	0.93	0.27	23.47	-1.41	14	-28	3088	266
West Central	45.5	-6.5	0.38	-0.24	23.91	-0.29	19	-30	3538	362
Central	46.5	-5.9	0.72	0.07	23.60	-1.03	19	-32	3524	312
Central Hills	45.3	-5.8	0.77	0.15	22.78	-1.95	17	-28	3324	351
Northeast Hills	45.2	-6.3	1.08	0.47	22.12	-2.46	15	-32	3327	310
Southwest	46.5	-6.8	0.44	-0.41	29.24	3.47	20	-35	3689	331
South Central	48.1	-5.6	1.31	0.53	26.74	2.29	25	-36	3719	311
Southeast	47.1	-5.3	1.36	0.68	25.76	1.07	22	-32	3514	313
STATE	45.8	-6.2	0.80	0.13	23.90	-0.48	19	-31	3461	325

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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